

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 10 are pending in the subject patent application. Claims 1, 2, and 6 through 10 have been rejected. Claims 3, 4, and 5 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, and 6 through 10 have been cancelled, and claims 3, 4, and 5 have been amended to overcome the formal grounds of objection.

Discussion of Amendments to the Claims

Claims 3, 4, and 5 have been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims therein. No other limitations have been added to these claims.

Discussion of Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, and 6 through 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Arless. Claims 1, 2, and 6 through 10 have been cancelled.

Discussion of Objections to the Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 4, and 5 would be allowable, but they have been objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims. Claims 3, 4, and 5 have been amended to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims, and they are therefore allowable.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3, 4, and 5 are patentable, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (360)599-2285 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,




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